

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Large Application of:  
J. Eric Lauritzen

Serial No.: 09/726,796

Confirmation No.: 5691

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For: APPARATUS FOR  
PREVENTING EROSION OF  
WELLBORE COMPONENTS  
AND METHOD OF  
FABRICATING SAME

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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Group Art Unit: 1724

Examiner: Robert J. Popovics

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION DATED JANUARY 28, 2003**

In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 28, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0072/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

## REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 28, 2003. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.